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Captain Frank Unetic earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Minnesota before entering the Navy in 1979 through the NROTC program. Upon completion of submarine school, he was assigned to the *USS Tecumseh* (SSBN 628) where he served as the Assistant Weapons Officer. On completion of his submarine and strategic weapons qualifications he was assigned to *USS Barbel* (SS 580) in 1982.

While assigned to *USS Barbel*, he served as the Weapons Officer and Assistant Operations Officer, completing one deployment to Seventh Fleet. In 1985 Unetic was assigned as Strategic Weapons Officer for the *USS Georgia* (SSBN 729) blue crew, completing six patrols, including the first *Ohio* class submarine deployment to Guam.

In 1989 he entered the nuclear power pipeline, and in 1990 he reported aboard *USS Puffer* (SSN 652) where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Reactor Controls Assistant before completing his nuclear powered engineer qualifications in 1992.

From 1992 to 1994 Unetic served as Executive Officer aboard *USS Bremerton* (SSN 698). He reported to the Chief of Naval Operations staff in 1994 where he served as the Requirement Officer of Acoustics.

From March 1996 to July 1998 he served as Deputy Commander for Submarine Squadron Eleven. In September 1998 he reported as Commanding Officer, *USS Pogy* (SSN 647), where he served until the decommissioning in June 1999.

Unetic reported to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) in July 1999 and assumed the Program Manager duties for Submarine Communications in September 2000. During his tenure, submarine communications were brought into the 21st Century through the deployment of the Submarine High Data Rate antenna, Common Submarine Radio Room and IP transition. He served as the Executive Assistant at SPAWAR prior to reporting as Commanding Officer of SSC San Diego in August 2005.

Unetic's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards). He is a graduate of the National Security Studies Program at Syracuse University and earned a Master's degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of Phoenix.